

REMARKS

Claims 9-18 are pending in the present application.

I. Objection to Specification

The specification stands objected to for failing to indicate that the parent application Serial No. 08/860,762 is now U.S. Patent No. 6,350,343. Applicant has obviated this rejection by amending the specification to include this indication.

Applicant respectfully requests that the objection be withdrawn.

II. Rejection under the Judicially Created Doctrine of Obviousness-type Double Patenting

Claims 9-18 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-5 of U.S. Patent No. 6,350,343. Applicant has obviated this rejection by submitting herewith a terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.321(c).

Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance.

Favorable consideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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